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Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update
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Committee Name: Quality Improvement Data

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Objective Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 1.7. Work in partnership with communities and other state agencies to implement shared data and information systems.

Activity 1.7.1. Survey the partners as to the type of data collected and mechanism of storage.

- Met with DES, ADE, ADHS, Juvenile Justice, AZ Health Query, and others to identify data and availability.
- Reviewed data in the various agencies for applicability and availability.

Activity 1.7.2. Investigate feasibility of adding data to the ADHS warehouse.

- No activity at this time.

Opportunities for integration identified:

- Best opportunities for integration do not appear at the individual level but at the report level.

Barriers identified

- Legal restrictions in sharing the data. This is formidable for ADE.
- Ability to match information on a single person. The matching process across so many different data sets is extremely difficult.
- We have not been able to identify an appropriate representative from AHCCCS to this committee.

Support needed:

- Identify an AHCCCS resource.

Recommendations:

- Develop mechanisms to share aggregate data.
- Develop specific reports that add value to program efforts.
- Begin exploring relationships for data availability with AHCCCS.